

# The lunch bucket



by Alan McHughen

A number of people have commented that the quality of my column is degenerating, and the serious intent is not being communicated. Let me sincerely apologise to those of you (especially Howard F. Gorman) to whom I have not answered properly in the column. I will try to not let this happen again. The reason I picked on people criticising prices is that there is very little we can do about the prices. I have gone over the pricing system in the cafeteria, and have found most food to be priced competitively. This is not to say they are not too high; they are too high everywhere. But, for the most part, the cost of food in the cafeteria (especially the Deli-Bar) is less than can be bought in a cafeteria downtown. They are based on a formula that takes into account the hidden costs of maintaining and operating a food service such as this, whatever they are.

There are going to be some changes made in the cafeteria. For example, the Deli-Bar will be expanded to better handle the masses of sandwich lovers. Along with a more aesthetically pleasing format, the Deli will offer a wider range of meats and breads, as well as various other things like pickled eggs and Dill pickles. If you have any suggestions as to other things you wish to see on the counter, let us know and we may be able to provide them.

The order has been placed for equipment (stainless steel tables, tray slide racks, etc.) to go in the Hot Entree section where the ancient wooden table tries to support the milk dispensing apparatus and the other assorted paraphernalia that goes with it. The price of this stuff is ridiculous. For example, we were going to get a traffic bar to divide the Hot Entree section into two lanes. Cost: 564 hamburgers, 71 lanes of fries, 23 BLT, and 8,575 cups of coffee. The alternative is to obtain scraps of nylon cord and rope off the centre of the aisle. Cost: 1 doughnut. Since both alternatives are too expensive, we are going to do without the services of a divider.

Things to watch for in future include the introduction of home-

made Italian Pizza. This is only if we can close the deal with Fred's Pizza Joint in Genoa. Popcorn is also a possibility for the future. This also depends on the availability of equipment, and may never come to pass. Chances for getting this equipment will be higher if people express a desire to buy the items.

There are a few letters that have been sitting on my grill for a few weeks now that I have not answered for one or more reasons. They include: similar to letters already answered; the problem has since been solved; investigation of the problem is continuing; it is a valid complaint but there is nothing I can do about it; or, I don't feel like it.

Dear Box,

How about selling the morning paper to go with my coffee?

Anon.

I knew there had to be a use for the thing! I never thought of dunkin' it in my coffee. We are presently looking into this, and you will probably be able to get your morning paper before too long.

Dear Box,

Could you please keep the fruit away from the drink cooler? The air from it is drying out the fruit.

Fruitarian.

What can I say? Not being a connoisseur of fruits, I will have to take your word for it. There should be a wet fruit area by the time this is in print. If not, please remind me.

Dear Box,

Could you offer, somewhere in the SUB, at some time, real fresh ground coffee?

H. of T.

SAGA's coffee is made with fresh ground. Didn't you ever wonder what all those holes in the lawn outside the cafeteria are from?

Dear Box,

Please clean the tables before breakfast.

Aitch Hicks

They don't eat breakfast. But I'll mention it to the staff.

Dear Box,

The "Please Return Your Trays To The Carts Provided-Thank you" are a waste of money because some

inconsiderate students only deface them and throw them out. Also people are already aware of their duty to return them to carts, and signs are not going to make any difference.

What "you" call pepper steak I don't know. I had some of it yesterday and it was all cold gravy with onions and "a" slice of green pepper. There was not one piece of meat. The potatoes that I had to accompany this meal were stone cold when I ate then approximately 1 1/2 minutes later, give or take 15 seconds.

The Deli-Bar rolls are delicious BUT the salad tastes like watered down vinegar instead of mayonaisse. How can any cook (and I use that term loosely because most of the cooks including short order) go wrong making something as simple

as egg salad. What we need are a few more Wayne's and Ezelda's. Yours sincerely, 2 starved students with little money to waste on what you (whomever is concerned) classify as food.

Anita Roulston

Allie Fineberg

Boy, now you're in for it! You think you got poor food before, wait till the cooks see you coming now. Anyway, you had some valid criticisms, and I'll see what can be done about them. What I'd really like to know is: did you actually eat all that? Incidentally, people are not already aware of their duty to clean up after themselves; the slobs do, but they don't care anyway.

Confidential to Peter Clarke: If you started eating at home, you wouldn't have this problem. I can assure you that Ron is an excellent cook.

## \$19,422

OTTAWA (CUP) ---- According to recently released reports by Statistics Canada, the average compensation paid to University and College educator was \$19,442 for 1974.

The results of the first survey of employer labour costs in education for 1974 show total compensation for the teaching and academic category amounted to \$13,450 for each regular full-time employee.

For elementary and secondary schools the average was \$12,575. In the non-teaching category, total compensation averaged \$7,804 for all education, \$7,542 for elementary and secondary schools and \$7,934 for universities and colleges.

Total compensation comprises salaries or wages and those items commonly referred to as fringe benefits.

## Not enough

WINNIPEG (CUP) ---- Although members of the faculty union at the University of Manitoba recently received an overall salary increase of 16.5 percent, the U of M ranks close to the "bottom of the list" in salaries compared with other universities in Western Canada.

According to Trevor Dandy, faculty union president, salary increases for faculty in other western universities were 17 to 18 percent.

And most other universities already pay their faculty more.

According to Statistics Canada figures, salary floors at the U of M range from \$23,400 for a full professor to \$11,000 for a lecturer. At the University of Saskatchewan, however, the salary floor for a full professor is \$25,170; for a lecturer \$11,722.

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